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IMMUNOMODULATORY FORMULATIONS  
AND METHODS FOR USE THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 23, 2005, for which a response was due on May 23, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 23, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Pending Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.